

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2418

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USE OF EXPIRY DATE SURGICAL AIDS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the deliberate and concerted attempt by the administrative staff and other officials of Government hospitals to use surgical aids whose expiry had elapsed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government against the officials of these Government hospitals who forced the doctors to use unfit surgical aids?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a)to(c): In Central Government Hospitals in Delhi i.e. Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC & Associated Hospitals, no surgical aids beyond the date of expiry are used.

`Health` being a State subject under the Constitution, it is the responsibility of the respective States/Union Territories to take steps not to use expiry date surgical aids in the hospitals under their administrative control.